

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner withdrew several objections and rejections raised in the previous office action and indicated that claims 2, 4-12, and 26-30 are allowable. However, the Examiner maintained the rejection against claims 13-17, 25, and 48-51 as being indefinite, maintained the rejection against claim 20 as being anticipated by Zhang et al. (BioFactors 15:27-38, 2001), raised a new rejection against claims 21-24 as being indefinite, and raised a new rejection against claim 25 as being obvious over Zhang et al. (BioFactors 15:27-38, 2001) in view of Kuchan et al. (Cancer Res. 52:1091-1095, 1992).

Without agreeing to the above maintained and new rejections against claims 13-17, 20-25, and 48-51, applicants cancel these claims to facilitate prosecution and reserve the right to pursue the canceled subject matter in a subsequent application.

Only allowed claims 2, 4-12, and 26-30 are now pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the merits of this patent application. A favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary and no fee is believed to be due in connection with this response. However, if any extension of time is required in this or any subsequent response, please consider this to be a petition for the appropriate extension and a request to charge the petition fee to Deposit Account No. 17-0055. No other fee is believed to be due in connection with this response. However, if any fee is due in this or any subsequent response, please charge the fee to the same Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

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